

Rep. Slavens offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 123.

A resolution to declare May 9, 2013, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families today is fundamental to the future of Michigan; and

Whereas, Many children and adolescents face serious challenges to their mental health; and

Whereas, The mental health of children and adolescents substantially impacts their future quality of life and ability to contribute to society as adults; and

Whereas, Preventative measures, early identification, and early interventions for the mental health of children and adolescents are proven to be highly cost-effective and efficient measures that maximize their health status; and

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Community Health, the Association for Children's Mental Health, Michigan health care providers, quality improvement partners, and consumer advocates, through their unique approach to serving children and adolescents, are effectively caring for the mental health needs of children, youth, and families in our community; and

Whereas, It is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward our children's mental health and well-being; and

Whereas, This resolution calls attention to the importance of children's mental health and well-being and observance of the annual National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 9; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare May 9, 2013, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.